



RESOLUTION NO. 2022-01
A RESOLUTION OF THE NORTH COUNTY LIBRARY
AUTHORITY DECLARING THE EXISTENCE OF A LOCAL
EMERGENCY DUE TO THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC

WHEREAS, on March 4, 2020, the Governor issued a proclamation of a state of emergency relating to the respiratory illness known as COVID-19, which is caused by the novel corona virus SARS-CoV-2; and

WHEREAS, on March 11, 2020, the World Health Organization declared the existence of a pandemic due to the global spread of COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, on March 16, 2020, the Santa Clara County Health Officer issued the first of successive orders requiring all individuals residing in the County to shelter in their places of residence as specified, to socially distance, and to take other measures to prevent community spread of COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, on March 19, 2020, the Governor issued a statewide shelter-in-place order; and on August 28, 2020, the Governor announced a “Blueprint for a Safer Economy,” which provided protocols for slowly reopening the state’s economy following the initial shelter-in-place mandate; and

WHEREAS, the Governor lifted the Blueprint for a Safer Economy on June 15, 2021, and local health restrictions were lifted due to sharp declines in COVID-19 case counts since vaccines first became available; and

WHEREAS, despite progress in addressing the pandemic, not all eligible individuals are fully vaccinated, and new, more virulent variants of the SARS-CoV-2 virus are spreading in California and throughout the world; and

WHEREAS, according to the California Department of Public Health, by July 21, 2021, nearly 85 percent of new COVID-19 cases in California were caused by the highly contagious “Delta” variant; and

WHEREAS, due to the spread of the Delta variant and because not all eligible persons are vaccinated yet, the incidence of COVID-19 infection increased in Santa Clara County; and

WHEREAS, as a result of rising case counts, on August 2, 2021, the Santa Clara County Health Officer issued a new health order requiring the use of face coverings indoors by all persons; and

WHEREAS, by early November 2021, over 1,875 Santa Clara County residents had died of COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, the United States designated new COVID-19 variant Omicron as a “variant of concern” on November 30, 2021;

WHEREAS, despite significant progress, COVID-19 remains a threat to public health and safety in the Los Altos and Los Altos Hills communities; and

WHEREAS, in view of the ongoing health crisis, the North County Library Authority now desires to affirm it is safer for the community and members of the Commission to continue with remote meetings at this time.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the North County Library Authority that:

1. The Authority has reviewed local and State public health guidance, and data and information from the Santa Clara County Health Department, which support the continuance of measures including hosting virtual meetings to protect the community due to COVID-19.
2. The Authority will further evaluate the need to continue hosting virtual meetings at the start of their next Regular or Special meeting.

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of a Resolution passed and adopted by the North County Library Authority at a meeting thereof on the 31st day January, 2022 by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

PRESIDENT

Attest:

Jon Maginot, Deputy City Manager